

March 25, 2004

TO: Members of the MAG Enhancement Funds Working Group

FROM: Vice Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix, Co-Chair  
Mike Hutchinson, Mesa, Co-Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

**Tuesday, April 6, 2004 – 1:30 p.m.**  
MAG Offices, Suite 200 - Cholla Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Enhancement Funds Working Group will be held at the time and place noted above. Members of the Working Group may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG site by April 1, 2004. If you are attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting and parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the parking garage.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership, or five members of the MAG Enhancement Funds Working Group. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Working Group. Your presence and vote count. Supporting information is enclosed for your review prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please call Dawn M. Coomer at the MAG office.

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

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| <p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>2. <u>Approval of the August 5, 2003 Meeting Minutes of the Enhancement Funds Working Group</u></p> | <p>2. For information, discussion and action to approve the meeting minutes of August 5, 2003.</p> |
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3. Introduction of Working Group Members and Members of the Audience

Committee members and audience members will introduce themselves.

4. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Enhancement Funds Working Group on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Working Group requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

5. Staff Report

MAG staff will report on current issues of interest, including an update on Round XI results.

6. Schedule for Round XII Transportation Enhancement Funds

MAG has been notified by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) that Round XII Enhancement Fund applications are due to ADOT in September, 2004. A schedule of enhancement fund activities is provided as **Attachment A**.

3. For information and discussion.

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5. For information and discussion.

6. For information and discussion.

7. Changes in the MAG Public Comment Process for Committees

The Enhancement Funds Working Group adopted a procedural approach for the review and ranking of transportation enhancement funds in the MAG region in March, 2002. Since that time, the Chair of the Regional Council has requested that all MAG committees have a standardized policy for public comment. Members of the Working Group are requested to amend their procedural approach to ensure consistency with the adopted MAG public comment process for committees. Please refer to **Attachment B**.

8. Issues to Discuss at the Mid-Year ADOT Transportation Enhancement Review Committee Meeting

The Working Group will identify and discuss issues related to transportation enhancement funds that should be discussed at the mid-year meeting of the ADOT Transportation Enhancement Review Committee. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for late April or early May, 2004.

Several have expressed concerns that only 10 percent of the total from Round XI went to projects in the MAG region. In addition, the TERC appeared to ignore regional priorities by selecting both the highest and lowest ranked projects for funding. Co-Chair Stanton has suggested that the regional committee and the TERC meet together to discuss some of these issues and determine how our applications could fare better in future years. Issues to be discussed may include: (1) limiting the number of applications submitted to ADOT; (2) assuring a reasonable amount of funding each year through the TERC process;

7. For information, discussion and action to approve the revised approach for the review and ranking of transportation enhancement funds in the MAG region.

8. For information, discussion, and possible action.

(3) improvements to our regional selection process, and perhaps education of the TERC about our regional selection process; and (4) allocation of transportation enhancement set-aside funding.

9. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting has been scheduled for **Friday, June 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the MAG Cholla Room.** Committee members will focus on the review of applications submitted for Round XII.

9. For information and discussion.